

I CLAIM:

1 1. An infant and small child carrier comprising:

2 a seat of substantially rigid material to bear against
3 the thigh of a wearer, said seat including:

4 an open-bottom top having an upwardly extending upper
5 section, a downwardly extending lower section, and a pair of
6 side sections joining said upper and lower sections as a single
7 unit restable on edge surfaces of said upper, lower and side
8 sections;

9 a first strap through said lower section to encircle
10 the waist of the wearer; and

11 a second strap through said lower section coupled with
12 said first strap to extend across the chest, a shoulder, and the
13 back of the wearer.

14 2. The carrier of Claim 1, also including a fabric covering
15 over said open-bottom top.

16 3. The carrier of Claim 1, also including a padded fabric
17 covering over said open-bottom top.

18 4. The carrier of Claim 1, also including a fabric covering
19 over said open-bottom top and across opposing ones of said edge
20 surfaces in forming a pocket enclosure therebetween.

1 5. The carrier of Claim 4 wherein said pocket closure is
2 selectively openable and closable for storage.

1 6. The carrier of Claim 5 wherein said fabric covering is
2 removable from over said open-bottom top.

1 7. The carrier of Claim 5 wherein said fabric covering is
2 washable.

1 8. The carrier of Claim 1 wherein said upwardly extending
2 upper section includes a first portion of a first upwards angle,
3 and a second portion contiguous therewith of a second, lesser
4 upwards angle with respect thereto.

1 9. The carrier of Claim 8 wherein said second portion of
2 said upwardly extending upper section is contoured curvilinearly
3 downwards thereof between extremities remote from said first
4 portion of said upwardly extending upper section.

1 10. The carrier of Claim 1 wherein said downwardly
2 extending lower section includes a first portion of a first
3 downwards angle, and a second portion contiguous therewith of a
4 second, lesser downwards angle with respect thereto.

1 11. The carrier of Claim 10 wherein said second portion of
2 said downwardly extending lower section is contoured

3 curvilinearly upwards thereof between extremities remote from
4 said first portion of said downwardly extending lower section.

1 12. The carrier of Claim 10 wherein said first and second
2 straps extend through said first portion of said downwardly
3 extending lower section.

1 13. The carrier of Claim 1 wherein each of said side
2 sections include a first portion of a first downwards angle, and
3 a second portion contiguous therewith of a second, lesser
4 downwards angle with respect thereto.

5 14. The carrier of Claim 1 wherein said upwardly extending
6 upper section includes a first portion of a first upwards angle
7 and a second portion contiguous therewith of a second, lesser
8 upwards angle with respect thereto, wherein said downwardly
9 extending lower section includes a first portion of a first
10 downwards angle and a second portion contiguous therewith of a
11 second, lesser downwards angle with respect thereto, and wherein
12 each of said side sections include a first portion of a first
13 downwards angle and a second portion contiguous therewith of a
14 second, lesser downwards angle with respect thereto, and wherein
each of said first portions of said upwardly extending upper
section, said downwardly extending lower section and said pair
of side sections are of a width greater than a corresponding
width of said second portion of said upwardly extending upper

15 section, said downwardly extending lower section, and said pair
16 of side sections.

1 15. The carrier of Claim 14 wherein said widths of said
2 first portion of each of said upwardly extending upper section,
3 said downwardly extending lower section, and said pair of side
4 sections are substantially equal.

1 16. The carrier of Claim 14 wherein said widths of said
2 second portions of said upwardly extending upper section, said
3 downwardly extending lower section, and said pair of side
4 sections are substantially equal.

1 17. The carrier of Claim 14 wherein each of said first
2 angles of said upwardly extending upper section, said downwardly
3 extending lower section, and said pair of side sections are
4 substantially equal.

1 18. The carrier of Claim 14 wherein each of said second
2 angles of said upwardly extending upper section, said downwardly
3 extending lower section, and said pair of side sections are
4 substantially equal.

1 19. The carrier of Claim 14 wherein said downwardly
2 extending lower section is of a length greater than the length
3 of said upwardly extending upper section.